Introduction to Ethics
Cabrillo College
Summer Session 2006
Final Paper Assignment

For this final paper, choose one of the following authors whose view or argument seems implausible or problematic to you:

* Friedrich Nietzsche
* Jean-Paul Sartre
* John Locke
* David Hume
* Derek Parfit
* Bernard Williams
* Blaise Pascal
* Mary Midgley
* Epicurus

In a paper of at least five full pages, you are to make the strongest case against your author's view or argument that you can. You will of course need to give a brief but accurate summary of the view/argument in question before you present your argument. After you present your case against the view in question, consider in your paper how your author might respond to the points in your argument; demonstrate why those responses would not stand up to scrutiny. Be sure to include a concise but detailed thesis statement of the following form in your introduction: "In this paper I will argue that _____."

As a reminder, your paper should have all of the following elements:

I. Brief introduction, including thesis statement and an indication of the structure of your argument/paper.
II. Summary/exegesis of the view in question.
III. Your own arguments.
IV. Potential objections to your points and your replies (two or three at most so you can treat them in depth)
V. Exceedingly brief conclusion that reflects what you stated in your introduction.

Final papers are due promptly at the *beginning of class on Thursday July 13* and must be typed and double spaced, using Times New Roman 12 pt. font with standard 1" margins.